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JURY CONVICTS IDA | ROOT SOUNDS KEY - MEYER OF MURDER OF HER SON'S WIFE Senator, in Address to New York

Aged Woman Found Guilty by Eleven Men at Winterset on the Charge of Killing Daughter-in-Law.

JUST TWO BALLOTS ARE TAKEN

Court Room Crowded for Week with Spectatrs, Most of Them Women.

VICTIM'S HUSBAND CONVICTED

WINTERSET, Ia., Feb. 15 .- An agreed jury of eleven men late today returned a verdict of second degree murder against Mrs. Ida Meyer, aged 60 and reputed wealthy, who has been on trial charged with complicity in the murder of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Meyer, last July.

It was announced that Mrs. Meyer probably will be sentenced by District Judge Applegate late this, or early next week. She was released on bond of \$30,000.

Mrs. Meyer, said to be the oldest woman ever convicted of a murder charge in Iowa, was composed when the verdict was announced.

Two Ballots Taken. The case was given to the jury at 11:25 m., and the verdict was announced at 4:45. It was reported that only two

hallots were taken. Mrs. Meyer is the second member of her immediate family to be convicted in connection with the murder of the murder of the younger Mrs. Meyer. The other was Fred Meyer, her son, and husband of the murdered woman. He also was convicted of second degree murder, and was sentenced to fifteen years in the entiary, but is out on bond, pending an appeal of his case to the supreme

Trial of the mother-in-law was begun a week ago Monday. Throughout the trial the little court house was crowded with spectators, many of them women Large numbers of farmers traveled miles to hear the testimony. One of the fea-

tures was the jury of eleven men. A full jury had been obtained, when one of the jurymen asked to be excused. This was agreed to by counsel for both

Contention of Defense. Mrs. Ethel Meyer was found dead in her home near here on July 25, 1915. A bullet wound was in her head and a revolver lay at her feet. Mrs. Ida Mayer and her son charged the young bride of but a few months had committed suicide. However, this state presented witness to-testify that the revolver found near that which fired the fatal shot. mestic froubles was advanced by the state as the reason for the murder. All

House Will Consider Prohibition, but Not Suffrage Amendment

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 16.but not woman suffrage amendments will be considered at this sesion of congress The house judiciary committee today ostponed considering the Susan B. Anthony amendment until next December. Proposals to postpost prohibition were lost on the tie vote.

Consideration of all suffrage proposals was included in the decision to post pone the Susan B. Anthony amendmen The Webb prohibitno amendment, which it was decided to take up, is practically the same as the Hobson amendment which failed last session in the house.

Condemned Men Marched Through Streets of Juarez

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 5.-Six prisoners inder death sentence were marched through the streets of Jaurez for half an hour today, escorted by three drun corps and a regiment of soldiers, prior to the execution of three of the accused. The procession was attended by a large crowd of civilian residents of Jaurez, at the invitation of General Gavira,

The Weather



Highest yesterlay. Lowest yesterday. Mesn temperature. Precipitation

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:
Normal temperature 24
Excess for the day 4
Total deficiency since March 1 31s
Normal precipitation 21 inch
Deficiency for the day 02 inch
Total rainfall since March 1 2.86 inches
Deficiency alnon March 1 6.73 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1914, 1.25 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1915, 5.83 inches Temp. High-Rain Tp. m. est fall

Deficiency for cor, peria

Station and State T

of Weather.
Cheyeane, clear.
Davenport, clear
Denver, clear
Des Moires, pt. cloudy.
Lander, clear
North Platte, clear
Omaha, clear
Puebio, clear
Salt Lake City, clear,
Sheridan, clear

NOTE OF CAMPAIGN

Republicans, Says Campaign Most Vital Since 1864.

WILSON REGIME IS FAILURE

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 .- The policies of President Wilson and the democratic administration toward the international situation arising out of the European war and the Mexican disturbances, and, as relating to domestic conditions, toward the tariff, were attacked by former United States Senator Elihu Root today in his address as temporary chairman of the New York state republican convention, in assembly

No other presidential election since 1964 has been so fraught with consequences so vital to national life as the one now approaching, Mr. Root said, and all ordinary considerations which play so great a part in presidential campaigns "are and ought to be dwarfed into insignificance." He promised that if the republican party is returned to power the people may expect a foreign policy which will leave "no doubt anywhere in the world of America's purpose and courage to protect and defend its independence, its territory and the lives and just rights of its citisens under the laws of nations," and that the people may expect, also, that "the government will stand for full and adequate preparation by the American people for their own defense."

Lack of Foresight.

Mr. Root charged the present administration with "the lack of foresight to make timely provision for backing up of American diplomacy by actual or assured military force:" with "the forfeiture of the world's respect for our assertion of

temporary chairman said in part: to ask the voters of the country to decide the constitution of the United States and and its performance are the best that the branks, and that obedience to that someone put this question to him American people can lo in the way of statute, during the pendency of this sult, point blank. He said the actual in-

Domestic Policy is Pailure. Discussing the domestic situation bere the European war began, Mr. Root the evidence and proofs now presented declared that during the eighteen months of democratic control there had been "a steady decrease in American production. in exports and in revenues, and a steady ncrease in imports and expeniitures," Enterprise had halted, he asserted, and new undertakings no longer made their appearance, and the country's productive tariff devised by the democratic party in a spirit of suspicion, distrust and hostility toward American business enterprise, and transportation and commerce hal be come "dull and despondent," The tariff commission created under republican leg-Continued on Page Five, Column One.

Villa's Friends Deny He Planned to Wreck Train on Texas Side

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 15.-Friends of Francisco Villa denied today that the outlawed Mexican chief had any intention of seeking to force intervention of the United States in Mexico by attacking trains on the El Paso & Southwestern or any other American railroad near the international boundary.

They pointed to the fact that Villa had sent a messenger to this side of the bor-Her a day or two ago bearing assurances that Villa had again decided to afford protection to all Americans and was planning to concentrate armed forces at Casas Grandes for another campaign against the Carranga government. This cam paign, it was said, would again make pattleground of the State of Sonora.

Judson Harmon is Now Suggested for Secretary of War

son today went over lists of names of everal prominent middle-western lawyers search for a new scoretary of war. Urgent endorsements for the appoint ent of Judson Harmon, former governor of Ohio, were among them, coming from some of the president's close friends. I was said that the president was inclined

One Man Killed in Rooming House Fire at Sioux Falls, S. D.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Feb. 15.-One an is dead and several other persons are slightly injured as the result of a ire which inst night gutted the old Cameron rooming house on West Tenth street. C. L. Hile received fatal injuries in jumping from the second floor to the ground, the flames cutting off means of erit by the stabway. A defective furnace is supposed to have caused the fire.

ROCK ISLAND GIVEN POWER TO INCREASE PASSENGER RATES

Three Fe' OKU ON TEMport Temporal Restraining
Consumer and from Interfer on from Interfer ing with Rates.

LAW HELD TO BE CONFISCATORY

Road Must Give Bond and Protect Passengers' Refunds Pending Decision of Case.

NEW SCHEDULE WILL BE MADE

The Chicago, Nock Island & Pacific Railway company was given permission to raise its passenger fares in Nebraska by a decision handed down yesterday by Federal Judge T. C. Munger, Walter I, Smith and Martin J. Wade. The road is in the hands of a receiver

The railroad represented in the hearing that it sustained a loss of .87 of 1 per cent on its passenger business in Nebraska in 1915 It claimed that the 2-cent fare law in Nebraska is confiscatory and unconstitutional.

A temporary injunction against the State Railway commission to prevent that body from interfering with the Rock Island in the raising of its passenger rates in Nebraska. was granted

The temporary injunction will hold good until the decision of the case on its

morits. Possible Refunds Provided. The receiver of the road, Jacob M. rights by pursuing the policy of making Dickinson, is ordered to execute a bond threats and of failing to make them of \$50,000 and the railway is ordered to good," and with "a loss of the moral give to each passenger purchasing a forces of the civilized world through fail- ticket at more than 2 cents a mile, ure to truly interpret to the world the coupon or check identifying the ticket spirit of the American democracy in its purchased. In case the 2 cents-a-mile attitude toward the terrible events which rate is held to be valid eventually the accompanied the early stages of the war." Rock Ir and, under this order, will have These, sail Mr. Root, were the adminis- to repay to ticket purchasers who show tration's "three fundamental errors." The such receipts, the difference between the actual cost of tickets and the cost as "For the first time in twenty years we it would have been at 2 cents a mile. enter the field as the party of opposition. The court is "convinced that the 2-cent and indeed it is a much longer time, for fare rate prescribed by the state law is in 1886, in all respects save the tariff, the confiscatory of the property of the railreal opposition to the sturdy and patriotic way company, and his not, does not and course of President Cleveland was to be will not yield sufficient revenue to pay found in the party that, followed Mr. the operating expenses of the inten-state Bryan. It is our duty as the opposition passenger business of the railway comto bring the lemocratic party to the bar pany and to make a constitutional return of public judgment, to put it upon its de- upon the investment, and for this and fense so far as we see just and substan- other reasons this court is of the opinion tial grounds to criticize its conduct, and that house roll No. 267 is violative of whether that party, organized as it is, void so, far as it requires the Chicago, represented as it has been since it came. Rock Island & Pacific Railway committe newer, has shown itself competent to pany to charge no more than 2 cents per will work irreparable injury to the plain tiff in case the proofs at the final hearing establish the same conclusion which

> established. Present Income Inadequate. The court holds that, to enforce the cent fare law as regards the Rock Island road would be unconstitutional, in

these words: "The present income, measured by the experience of the last three years, is inindustries "were laboring under a misfit adequate to pay a reasonable return upor the actual value of the property as estimated by the railway commission of the state of Nebraska."

The injunction goes into effect as soon as the receiver of the Rock Island files files its bond. The road will boost its fares in Ne-

braska as soon as the schedules can be nade out. It has the power to raise hem as high as 3 cents a mile. Of course, the raised rates can be applied only to oncompetitive points. The Missouri Pacific railroad won

imilar victory a short time ago.

Trustees Accept Resignation of Dr. Charles F. Aked

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.-Trustees of the First Congregational church announced today their acceptance of the resignation offered by Dr. Charles F. Aked, their pastor, now a member of the permanent peace board established at The Hague by Henry Ford. Their action must be ratified by the congregation.

Austrian Airmen Drop Bombs Into Schao and Kill Six

LONDON, Feb. 15.-Reuter's corrependent at Vicenza, Italy, says that hos-ile aeroplanes bombarded the Italian on of Schao, fifteen miles from Vicenza. vesterday, killing six persons and wound-

Battleship Oregon Goes on Retired List

ship Oregon, "buildog of the navy," went on the retired list today when it was turned over without formality to the navel militia of California at the Mare n the battle of Santiago, July 2, 1898. Island navy yard. It gained fame by a ruise around Cape Horn, which ended

Wilson's Name Filed Upon Illinois Ballot

SPRINGFIELD, III., Feb. 15.-Charles Boeachenstein, democratic national comnitteeman for Illinois, late this afternoon filed Woodrow Wilson's primary petition the governor has no authority to remove sa a candidate for the democratic nom- him, while the governor claims this mation for president with Secretary of State Stevenson. The petition contained thority to remove heads of all state inmore than 4,006 names.

SUBMARINE BRAVES ICY WATERS OF BALTIC-The British submarine E19, when it arrived back in port, covered with ice after one of the most thrilling adventures of the war. With the thermometer hovering around zero, the under-sea craft forced its way through the ice floes in the Baltic and sank a German destroyer.



BRITISH SUBMINISHE E.9

Addition of Two Dollars to

Cost of Suit.

advertise that they use no cotton.

Talks of Advertising.

Vern C. Divine of the Reporter Service

a Clothing Store." He called advertis-

ing, "written salesmanship," He said the

average advertiser looks too much for

immediate results from every advertise

ment he uses. This he pointed out, is

wrong, since it takes a constant and

standard of a place of business estab-

lished in the minds of the public. He em-

phasized the importance of honesty in

"The public is sick and tired," he said,

Average Ad Too Strong.

He called attention to the constant de-

ad strong, while as a matter of fact be

tomer once in a while and when that

customer comes in and you refuse to

give him his money back he will ad-

vertise you to his friends and acquaint-

(Continued on Page Two, Column Four.)

Into Advisability of

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15,-By a vote of

3) to 23 the senate today went on record

as favoring congressional inquiry into the

advisability of government ownership of

legislation and the Interstate Commerc

Fires Warden Capp

DENVER, Feb. 15.-Governor Curlson

issued an order today removing M. P. Capp as warden of the state reformatory

at Buena Vista. The order charges Capp

capes in fifteen months. Capp contends

power under the law vesting in him au-

Governor Carlson

iblic utilities as egainst government

Federal Ownership

Senate Favors Probe

the composition of the advertisements.

is not the truth."

to make it strong.

MEN'S CLOTHING TO FRENCH RECAPTURE TWENTY-ONE CAUGHT INCREASE IN PRICE PART OF TRENCHES

Shortage of Dyes Will Result in Paris War Office Asserts Portion of Position List to Germans Has Been Regained.

MORE COTTON MUST BE USED GERMANS CLAIM PROGRESS

PARIS, Feb. 15,-(Via London.) A suit of clothes probably will coat about \$2 more next year than this -In the Champagne district, French year on account of the shortage of troops have recaptured a portion of dyes in America, according to Alfred the advanced trenches occupied by T. Capps of Capps & Son, Jackson- the Germans on February 13, acville, Ill., woolen manufacturers, cording to the announcement given who spoke before the Nebraska Re- out by the French war office this tail Clothlers' association at the Fon- afternoon,

tenelle hotel Tuesday afternoon. whether that party, organized as it is. void so far as it requires the Chicago.

Rock Island & Pacific Railway computed the party of the Present Dye Situation.

Bills and the Present Dye Situation.

British positions over a front of 80 yards and was answering a lot of questions of passengers over its railroad in Neuroland and whether its spirit, its policies of passengers over its railroad in Neuroland and the performance are the best that the brasks, and that obedience to that Mr. Capps was speaking on "Tex-The text of the statement follows:

rease in cost of the dying would be after heavy artillery bombardments by way of preparation, our troops captured more than 30 cents a yard for the some 800 yards of British positions. A najority of the defenders of the British He said also that the increased shortage trenches were killed. One officer of wool in the country would necessitate several dozen men were made prisoners the use of more and more cotton in the "On the road from Lone to Bethune cloth manufactured even by those who after pride themselves on using no cotton and occupied the border of the crater.

enemy continued the shelling of Lens and its suburbs. "South of the Somme unsuccessfu hand grenade attacks by the French bureau of Chicago spoke on "Advertising were followed by heavy artillery combats

lasting into the night. "Northwest of Rheims the French atempted gas attacks, which failed. "In the Champagne, after strong artilery preparations, a weak attack was nade against our position northwest of Tahure. It was repulsed easily. steady campaign to get an idea of the

"East of the Meuse our front between Flabas and Ornes was shelted vigorously "A night counter attack by the French against the position near Obersett, which we recently conquired from them, failed of seeing these advertisements of \$40 "Eastern front: The situation generally suits sold for \$19.75, because they are is unchanged. There was vigorous artilcoming to know on the face of it that it lery fighting on the section of the front held by the army of General Von Both mer. Near Grobla, on the Saroth, northwest of Tarnapol, a German battle aero plane shot down a Russian machin mand from business men to make his whose pilot and observer were killed."

said, the average ad is too strong. That Coal Miners' Wage is he pointed out, there is danger of overstating the case, or making exag-Dispute Referred gerated statements in the mad effort He discouraged the use of the "money to Subcommittee back" slogan, for he said, no matter how honest you are, you fail to satisfy a cus-

perators and miners of the central comhole matter to the smaller committee

egulation and control. It adopted such Break in Big Levee in amendment, proposed by Senator Borah to Senator Newland's resolution to Drives Thousands direct inquiry into adequacy of railroad From Their Homes

NATCHEZ, iMas., Feb. 15.-Mississippi tiver floods were sweeping today through two new breaks in the levees on the Louisiana side about six miles from

The 2,000 inhabitants of Newellton, Joseph and Waterproof, La., in the flood's path were fleeing from their homes on with inhuman treatment of prisoners and special trains for this city. Danger warninefficiency in permitting twenty-four es- ings, sent by telephone and courier, is was thought had averted loss of life. Federal engineers said that Tensus, concordia, Franklin and Catahoula parishes would be inundated, the last two in reach Natches in three days.

IN BURNING MINE

Nine Bodies Recovered from Blazing Copper Workings at Butte by Rescue Crew.

TWELVE MORE MEN MISSING

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 15 .- Twentyone men probably have perished, ac- breach of trust for Mr. Warren and cording to the rescue workers at the associates as trustees under and amount Pennsylvania mine of the Anaconda Copper Mining company, in which erty under a retainer. These interests fire broke out in one of the levels were antaginistic in some important parwhile 220 miners were at work last ficiaries, one of whom was my client, sufnight. Nine bodies had been raised fered financial damage in the sum of from the mine before noon and some hundreds of thousands of dollars. twelve were unaccounted for.

A new ventilating system was installed in the mine today which changed the air currents and made exploration of all sether and later formed a law partner levels in the affected area possible. The was the con of Samuel D. Warren was the con of Samuel D. Warren was the con of Samuel D. mine is \$,800 feet deep.

There was still hope that some of the tweive missing might have escaped into the workings of other properties.

Within a few minutes after the fire was discovered in the timbering at the 1,20-foot level near the shaft, gas fumes and smoke poured into the higher work-ings of the mine. Station tenders were ordered to warn the hundreds of miners,

some of whom were as much as a quarter of a mile from the shaft. Signals to the engineer from the cage came from half a dozen levels at once. Insistent calls came from the 505-foot level. One cage full of men was taken the landing, William G. Mitchell, assistant foreman of the mine, and Jack Brennan, a miner, who voluntoered, quickly lowered to the 500-foot level. A few minutes later their dead bodies were found by first air rescue crews Both were overcome within a few yards of the shaft. First ald teams with complete equipment of respirators and oxytrating the drifts.

Most of the dead and missing men

Officers of the Anaconda company gave out a statement saying they had means yet of determining the cause of

Britishers Selling East Indian Rebels Arms Go to Prison

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) SHANGHAI, Jan. 10.-Plans for wholesale uprising against the British rom weatern Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indi- authorities in India were divulged in ana and Illinois, which they hope to veiled manner today in the English auhave drafted into a new wage-scale to preme court. Sidmond Hay Abhass was ake the place of the one that expires sentenced to fifteen years' imprisonmen March 31, were referred today to a sub- and his son, Oswald Abbass, to two year mmittee by the joint conference of the for illegal traffic in arms in violation of the British defense of the realm act etitive fields. Prior to submitting the Both are naturalized British subjects. The evidence showed that the fathe the opertors formally voted down the and son had engaged in selling to the second demand of the miners which enemies of Great Britain 15.900 rifles. calls for an increase of wages of 10 1,000 revelvers and about 1,500,000 rounds The joint conference was adjourned it was charged intended to deliver them subject to the call of the sub-com- in India, Ceylon and the straits action ments, with a view to their use in re bellion against the British governmen D. Goldman, a British subject, previously convicted for endeavoring to act as agent for a German subject i chartering a ship which was believed to a shipment of arms to India.

French Fortress of Belfort Damaged by Fire of Siege Guns

BERLIN, Feb. 15 .- (By Wireless to Sayville.)-Advices from Swiss sources to the Overseas News agency say that the shelling of the French fortress of Belfort recently by heavy German guns has done great damage. It is said about fifty houses have been destroyed, that entire streets have been damaged badly and that the well-to-do inhabitants have part. The crest of the flood probably will fled to Switzerland. The number of dead and wounded is not known.

DEALS AS LAWYER

Bailey Says Attorney Acted for the Lessor and Lessee in the Warren Estate and Did Not "Tote" Fair.

ALLEGATIONS BY WINSLOW

Head of Shoe Machinery Combine Says Brandeis Assisted in Organizing Company.

THEN ATTACKED IT AS ILLEGAL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 .- Louis D Brandels of Boston, President Wilson's nominee for the supreme bench, was attacked today before the senate subcommittee investigating his qualifications by Sidney W. Winslow, president of the United Shoe Machinery company, of which Mr. Brandels was formerly a director and counsel, and by Hollis R. Bailey, a Boston attorney, with whom Mr. Brandels had been associated years ago in litigation over an estate.

Mr. Winslow charged that Mr. Brandels had been guilty or unprofessional conduct in that after seaving the Shoe Machinery company he had used knowledge gained through his association with it to attack as illegal and criminal "the very acts and system of business which he assisted to create and which he advised were

Mr. Balley charged that Mr. Brandels, epresenting at same time the lessees and essors of the Warren Paper mills and involving a \$21,000,000 estate, had been rullty of acta which favored one set of nterests against the other.

Charges by Mr. Balley.

Mr. Bailey first made a general statement that he had been opposed to Mr. Brandels in several law cases, But considered their relations friendly. Mr. Brandels assisted his partner, Samuel D. Warren, in framing a plan which Bailey said placed his partner in a position individualy antagonistic to Warren's posttion as trustee, "This," said Bailey, shall call attention to later, resulted in a retainer of \$2,000, and for Mr. Warren and other individuals as lessors of prop-

Warner Estate to Large. Balley explained that S. D. Watten, Ir.

Warren was the son of Samuel D. Warcturers, who left an estate og \$21,000,000 to his widow and five Bailey's client, never was connected with the paper business. A financial arrangement was made for carrying on the bust-

"First," said Mr. Bailey, "the widow and all the children conveyed their inerests in the property, through Mr. Brandels, as a third party, to three trustees, S. D. Warren, Jr.; a Mr. Mason, who had been associated in a small way with the paper business, and Mrs. Warren, the widow. These trustees operated from there, but when it was again low- the paper mills, the deed of trust diered to this level there were no men at recting that they were to carry on the usiness for the benefit of all the heirs.

" Lease Folows Deed. What was done was that these sees, by authority given in the deed, nade a lease of the property to Brandels and through him to S. D. ren. Fiske Warren, another son, and Mason, who proceeded to operate the mill. The rental terms were 6 per cent interest on the property and half the pes profits. That arrangement resulted in S. D. Warren receiving compensation for his services in the first two or three years amounting to \$75,000 to \$100,000; Fiske Warren, from \$30,000 to \$40,000, and they, with Mason, within ninetsen of twenty years received for their services approximately \$2,000,000. A bill of equity was filed in the Massachusetts courts alleging that this was twice as much as could fairly be charged. It appeared in the hearing that Mr. Brandels had acted as counsel for the leasees and also for the lessors and for many years had the trust and confidence of all beneficingles.

A suit growing out of dissatisfactions of some heirs, Balley said, was settled (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

The Day's War News

GERMANS HAVE BEEN not only checked in their offensive moves ment northwest of Tahure, in the Champagne glatrict, but at some points have been driven back, the French war office asserts.

ON THE RIGA-DVINSK PRONT IN Russia the Germans have failed to gain any ground in their attacks of the last week, it is declared in a Petrograd official statement.

IT IS ANNOUNCED semi-officially in Parts that despite the seeming great activity of the Germans on the western front the attacks in question are in reality only local nettons without gains of signifi-It is declared that the French could easily undertake similar actions, but are refraining from doing so because the results are not worth the price that has to be paid.

GERMAN NEWS SOURCES report great damage done to the French fortress of Belfort in the recent shelling by long range German

AUSTRIAN AIR CHAFT have suided Monse, ten miles northeast of Milan, one person being killed and five injured by bombs dropped. Airmen also drapped bombs on the Italian town of Schlot killing ala